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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO DACCA, KARACHI APRIL
18 1973 FROM ISLAMABAD IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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SUBJECT: ALICO NATIONALIZATION CLAIM

REF: ISLAMABAD 3057

1. GOP ADDITIONAL COMMERCE SECRETARY, MISS BANO, INFORMED CHARGE APRIL 18 THAT COMMERCE MINISTRY IS SENDING TELEGRAM TO COX OF ALICO INVITING HIM TO VISIT ISLAMABAD ASAP. MESSAGE STATES THAT GOP IS ANXIOUS TO COME TO MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE, EARLY SOLUTION OF ALICO CLAIM, AND ASKS COX TO INDICATE EARLIEST DATES CONVENIENT FOR HIS VISIT.

2. MISS BANO STATED THAT PAK AMB WASHINGTON IS BEING INFORMED OF ABOVE MESSAGE TO COX AND ALSO WILL BE PROVIDED SOME ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND. SHE SAID GOP INTENDS TO ENTER INTO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH ALICO IN SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AIMED AT REACHING SUITABLE OVERALL SETTLEMENT. SHE EXPRESSED AWARENESS THAT ALICO FEELS IT IS ENTITLED TO SOMETHING MORE THAN TWICE AS LARGE A SETTLEMENT AS GOP HAS OFFERED TO DATE. SHE SAYS SHE HOPES ALICO WILL

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NOT BE STICKY OVER LEGAL QUESTION OF EFFECTIVE DATE OF
NATIONALIZATION SO LONG AS ADEQUATE OVERALL COMPENSATION
IS PROVIDED. CHARGE REQUESTED AGAIN THAT GOP ALSO CON-
SIDER HOW TO DEAL WITH PENDING PROBLEM OF ALICO ASSETS
VIS- A- VIS CLAIMS IN BANGLADESH, CONCERNING WHICH GOP IS
APPARENTLY STILL WITHOUT ANY USEFUL NEW IDEAS. DECONTROL 1 2/30/77
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